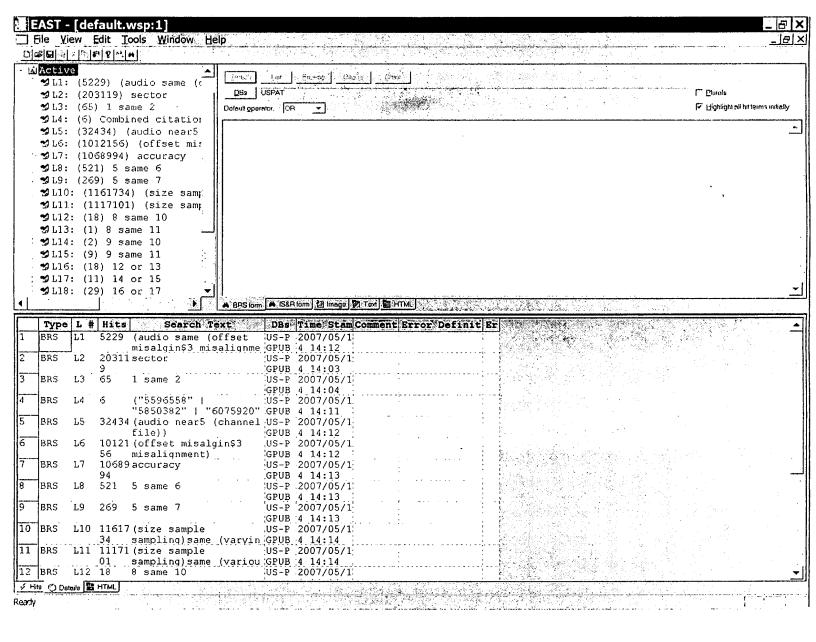


PAIM3205-PR1				U. S. PATENT AN BIWEEKIY EXAMINE	TRADE	AND TRADEMARK OFFICE JER TIME AND ACTIVITY	TICE	RUN DATE: 05/01/07		PAGE: 2 0	OF 2	
GAU: 2627 PP: 2 EXAMINER: PSITOS EMPLOYEE NIMBER:	PP: 2007-15 SITOS, ARIST RER: 61211	TOT	MG: 0	ENDING: 04/28/07 ELIS M GRADE GS-15 POSITION FACTOR 1 40	GRADE D	GRADE DT 08/16/87 STEP	3 787 3 ANCY (GS	STEP 10 STEP DT 09	9/27/98 NUMBER OF EFFECTIVE QSI	EFFECT:	IIVE QSI	0
CORREC APPL TION NUMBER		ACTION	I RI	1					CLASS/SUBCLASS		DATE OF ABANDONMENT	EN3
TIME	면면	QTR	FYR	SUMMARY ACTIONS	đđ	QTR	FYR	STATISTICAL ANALYSIS	đđ	P QTR	ρ×	FYR
LEAVE	4.0	0.6	123.0	ADVISORY ACTIONS	7	4	17	PERCENT OF EXPECTANCY	127		124	135
EXCUSED ABSENCE	0.0	0.0	0.0	QUAYLES	н	7	4	PERCENT OF EXPECTANCY QSI EQUIV.	QUIV. 127		124	135
HOLIDAY	0.0	0.0	64.0	Interferences	0	0	0	PERCENT NEW OF TOTAL ACTIONS	17 17		19	36
OTHER	5.0	6.0	58.0	FINAL REJECTIONS	4	œ	43	PERCENT ALLOWED OF DISPOSALS	.s. 71		69	52
DETAIL	0.0	0.0	0.0	EXAMINER'S ANSWER	0	0	0	PERCENT REG EXAM HOURS	(∞		91	78
NON-ASSIGN	0.0	0.0	0.0	ALLOWANCES	Ŋ	თ	33	EXPECTANCY (GS-12)	23.6	6 23.6		23.6
REGULAR EXM HRS	73.0	149.0	857.0	ABANDONMENTS	7	ις	33	HOURS PER P.U. USING FAOM/PCT	PCT 13.3	3 13.5		12.5
OVERTIME EXM HRS	0.0	0.0	0.0	IPERS	,0	0	0	HOURS PER FAOM/PCT	18.	3 16.6		11.7
TOTAL EXM HRS	73.0	149.0	857.0	DISPOSALS	7	13	64	PRODUCTION UNITS USING FAOM/PCT	1/PCT 5.5	5 11.0		68.5
				TOTAL DIS PCT IPER	7	13	64	EXPECTED PRODUCTION UNITS	4	3 8	8	50.8
FIRST ACTIONS				ALTOW AFT FXM ANS	0	0	0	HOURS PER DISPOSAL/IPER	10.4	4 11.5		13.4
ELECT/RESTRICTS	0	0	11	NA MXH THA CINERA	· c			ACTIONS PER DISPOSAL/IPER	2.6		2.8	3.3
REJECT (INC FNL)	7	ស	21	CALL THE CALL	, 0		000					
ALLOWANCES	щ	8	10	TOTAL ACTIONS	0		8			(
OTHER	0	0	7							ا ا ا	 ,	50.80
TOTAL 1ST ACTIONS	m	7	74	,					-	10		15.24
TOTAL FAOM	4	თ	73							T 7 C 1		1
FULL PCT SEARCH	0	0	0								P	3
HALF PCT SEARCH	0	0	0									
TOTAL FACM&PCT	4.0	0.6	73.0			÷						

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-	PP14	PP15	PP14 PP15 QTR1 QTR2 QTR3 QTR4	QTR2 (QTR3	QTR4	FYR			PP14	PP15	PP14 PP15 QTR1 QTR2 QTR3 QTR4	QTR2 (QTR3	QTR4	FYR
	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0 1.0 1.2 0.0 0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	2.2	2.2 CUSTOMER SERVICE ADDITIONS		0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
WORKFLOW SUBTRACTIONS	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 2.0 0.0 0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	2.0 CUSTOMER SERVICE SUBTRACTIONS		0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS COMPATIBLE WITH COPY PROTECTION

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a Continuation Application of PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/02153, filed Apr. 3, 2000, which was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention pertains to an information recording medium capable of recording and reproducing information and a recording/reproducing apparatus therefor.

2. Description of the Related Art

More particularly, the present invention relates to a physical format of an information recording medium and a 20 recording/reproducing apparatus compatible with copy protection.

A DVD (digital versatile disk) capable of recording/reproducing operation has been developed. These disks each include recordable DVD (hereinafter, referred to as a DVD-25 R) and re-recordable DVD (hereinafter, referred to as a DVD-RW). These information recording media each are capable of recording a large amount of video data, audio data, and computer data. Thus, it is discussed that media identification information for protecting illegal copy is 30 recorded in advance in these information recording media.

A book type identification code and group wobble detection that are recorded in these media are available for use in identification between DVD-ROM and DVD-R and identification between DVD-ROM and DVD-RW. In addition to these items of identification information, it is discussed that still another item of media identification information is utilized for encode key information for encoding and recording contents.

It is discussed that the media identification information is used in combination with two items of identification information, and a recording mode for an information recording medium as well is recorded in a different form. In any case, such identification information must be formed in such a way that the information cannot be rewritten or 45 changed on the information recording media.

When these items of identification information are defined as identification information A and identification information B, the identification information A is recorded as NBCA (Non-Burst Cutting Area) information in a DVD-RW. The identification information B is not defined yet.

In the present invention, the identification information A is obtained as individual identification information on a disk itself, and a disk serial number or the like is recorded by cutting. The identification information B is at least disk license information, for example, information on copy disabling, enabling of one copy, or enabling of two copies.

In a rewritable DVD (DVD-RAM), the identification information A is recorded as BCA (Burst Cutting Area) 60 information. The identification information B can be recorded as emboss information in a specific area.

With respect to a DVD-R disk, the identification information A and the identification information B are not defined yet.

Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAl Publication No. 11-86436 describes a judgment system for, when information is repro-

duced from a digital information recording medium capable of recording operation such as a DVD-RAM, comparing information sampled and read from electronic transparency information with information recorded on a recording medium, thereby judging whether or not such information is original. However, this document fails to mention how this system is specifically achieved on a DVD-R or DVD-RW disk.

Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 11-355711 describes a multiple signal for preventing duplication, it fails to mention the disposition of identification information on the medium.

Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 10-105975 describes BCA (Burst Cutting Area) recording, it fails to mention the other identification information.

Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 10-105974 describes BCA recording, it fails to mention the other identification information.

As has been described above, although the identification information A is recorded as NBCA information in the above DVD-RW, the identification information B is not defined yet. In addition, with respect to the DVD-R disk, the identification information A and the identification information B are not defined yet.

It is an object of the present invention to provide an information recording medium and method and a recording/reproducing apparatus that correspond to copy protection making it possible to use DVD-RW identification information B, DVD-R identification information A, and identification information B.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In an information recording medium of the present invention, the identification information B itself is recorded in a DVD-R and a DVD-RW in emboss so that a user cannot rewrite the information, and a copy of the identification information B cannot be duplicated or changed on the information recording medium by the recording/reproducing apparatus, thereby prevent illegal use of the identification information B. In addition, in an additional description type recording medium such as a DVD-R, the identification information B may be recorded in a pre-recorded manner instead of emboss.

In addition, in the method and apparatus of the present invention, as described above, a specific fixed value (for example, all zeros) is automatically inserted into such another disk management area so that the identification information B emboss- or pre-recorded in a specific area cannot be copied, thereby preventing illegal use of identification information.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING

FIG. 1 is an illustrative view illustrating a lead-in data structure of a DVD-R according to the present invention;

FIGS. 2A to 2D are illustrative views each illustrating a data structure of a buffer area shown in FIG. 1;

FIGS. 3A and 3B are illustrative views each illustrating a data structure of a border zone formed in a data area shown in FIG. 1:

FIG. 4 is an illustrative view illustrating a relationship between a disk and a lead-in and border zone;

FIG. 5 is an illustrative view illustrating another example of data contents of disk information according to the present invention;

